

## TAFT GETS CARD AS A UNION MAN

Formally Notified by the  
Steam Shovelers.

THANKS THEM FOR THE HONOR

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Trying to Do His Duty on the  
Panama Canal—Leaves Cincinnati  
for Hot Springs, Va.

Cincinnati, July 29.—Mr. Taft is now a union man. He got his credentials today, admitting him into honorary membership in the International Brotherhood of Steam Shovelers and Dredgers. A delegation from the union, made up of T. J. Dolan, general secretary, and five members on the executive committee, called on the candidate at 11 o'clock this morning at the home of his brother, Charles P. Taft, and formally notified him of his election.

Mr. Dolan, acting as spokesman, said, in substance, that it was Mr. Taft's fair treatment of members of the organization employed on the Panama Canal that prompted the action of the organization in making him a member thereof. Mr. Taft said he was glad to receive such an expression of confidence of his trying to do justice while in office.

After the formal notification, Mr. Taft chatted for a few minutes with the union men.

Starts for Hot Springs.

Mr. Taft is headed again for the Hot Springs golf links. He left here by Mrs. Taft on a Chesapeake and Ohio train at 9:14 o'clock to-night, and will arrive at the Virginia resort at 10:29 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Taft was in the best of spirits when he boarded the train. He is pleased at the way his speech has been received, and also relieved at having it off his mind. He will be ready now to buckle down for a record on the links. The chief trouble with his playing before he left the springs, as he has explained to several of his friends who trimmed him, was that he was thinking too much of his speech. Planks and platforms are all right in the political field, but they are a nightmare to a 27-year-old man who is trying to do an eighteen-hole mountain course in less than nine holes.

A good-sized crowd was out at the railroad station to see Mr. Taft off. They cheered him heartily, and promised that they would be ready to welcome him back in royal style when he returned to open his campaign on September 1.

THROW OUT COLLIER BIDS.

Navy Department Decides to Advise  
the Admirals.

The Secretary of the Navy decided to reject all the bids submitted for the new steam colliers authorized by the last annual appropriation act, and to readvertise for bids to-day.

At the instance of Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, an item was inserted in the act authorizing the acquisition of three new steam colliers of certain dimensions. The requirements laid down by Mr. Lodge had been met in the construction of three boats belonging to a private steamship firm in Boston, which was willing to sell them to the government.

When the bids were opened it was found that the bid of the Boston firm was much in excess of those of other bidders. The firm, the Massachusetts Steamship Company, offered the boats, which were ready for delivery, at \$335,000 each. The Maryland Steel Company, of Sparrows Point, offered to build them in ten months for \$375,000 each; the New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J., offered to build them in about the same time for \$385,000 each, and the Cramps offered to construct them for \$385,000 each. All the other bidders were below the Massachusetts firm for whose relief the legislation was framed.

Assistant Secretary Newberry decided, after conferring with the representatives of the bidders and Rear Admiral Clegg, that he would not award the contract on the showing made.

WEDDED IN ANNAPOLIS.

W. E. Hardesty and Miss Minnie H.  
Steers Now on Honey-moon.

Annapolis proved a "green" town for Walter E. Hardesty and Miss Minnie H. Steers, both of this city, yesterday. They went to the Maryland capital by trolley, arriving at the courthouse at the hour of closing. One of the deputy clerks issued the necessary license, however, and also accompanied them to a jewelry store, where the wedding ring was procured.

They were then shown to the parsonage of the Morehead Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, where the nuptial knot was tied by Rev. W. F. Roberts. The young pair convinced the clergyman the affair was not an elopement, and that the arrangements for the wedding were made hurriedly, that the necessary time for completing the smaller details was not available before leaving Washington.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. Hardesty left Annapolis on their honeymoon.

CAMPBELL F. GIBSON HELD.

Ex-Drug Clerk Accused of Robbing  
His Employers.

Brought to Washington by a deputy marshal from Philadelphia, Campbell F. Gibson, of 22 Twenty-first street northwest, accused of grand larceny, was committed to the District Jail yesterday. He will be held for the grand jury.

Gibson was employed by the M. A. Winter Drug Company, Fifth and L streets northwest. It is alleged that he stole several hundred dollars' worth of bottled and boxed drugs. Detective Mullin, who searched Gibson's room at 65 C street northwest after the young man disappeared from Washington after the apartment resembled an apothecary shop, Mullin yesterday returned from Philadelphia, where he went to "dry up" Gibson and present a report to the latter's arrest.

DEATH OF MISS SUTER.

Illness of Months Ends Life of  
Wealthy Woman.

Miss Clara M. Suter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Suter, died at her home of her parents yesterday morning after an illness of months. Funeral services will be held from the family residence, 321 P street northeast tomorrow morning. Interment will be at Forest Lawn, Md.

Miss Suter was born in Hagerstown, thirty years ago. She came to this city with her mother and family when thirteen years old. She was a sister-in-law of Policeman Wheelock, of the First precinct.

## DR. HOWE'S FUNERAL.

Aged Newspaper Man to Be Laid to  
Rest to-morrow.

Rev. Joseph F. McGee, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, and Rev. E. M. Southgate, of St. Anthony's Church, will officiate at the funeral services of Dr. Franklin T. Howe, to be held in the Church of the Sacred Heart to-morrow morning.

Dr. Howe, who was news editor of the Evening Star for many years, died at his home in Brookland Tuesday after a brief illness. He was one of the oldest newspaper men in Washington, and was prominently identified with local affairs for more than forty years.

Interment will be at the Congressional Cemetery.

At a special meeting of the board of governors of the National Press Club of Washington, held last evening, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the National Press Club of Washington, having learned with deep sorrow of the death of one of its members, Dr. Franklin T. Howe, of the Washington Evening Star, his career as a successful newspaper writer stands as an inspiration to the men of journalism. His ability as a writer, critic, and editor was widely recognized. He rendered his active years in continued devotion to the best ideals of journalism. His death is a loss to the men of the National Capital.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the members of Dr. Howe's family.

THINK BRENT WILL ACCEPT

Churchmen Here Believe He Will  
Be Bishop of Washington.

Now En Route from Vancouver to  
Boston to Attend Mission Society  
Conference.

Episcopalians in Washington were elated last night over the fact that Bishop Brent, of Manila, twice elected to the bishopric made vacant by the death of Bishop Satterlee, had arrived in Vancouver, B. C., and was speeding to Boston.

It is believed by Washingtonians that notwithstanding his declaration to accept the bishopric when first elected, Bishop Brent will be the occupant of the bishop's home on Massachusetts avenue before many weeks.

Bishop Brent will arrive in Boston on Saturday or Sunday. There he will attend a conference of the Episcopal Missionary Society, of which he is a member. Immediately afterward he will come to Washington for a conference with the standing committee of seven of the Washington diocese.

In view of the fact that Bishop Brent's physicians have informed him that the climate in Manila was rapidly undermining his health, and the urgent letters and cablegrams he has received asking him to come to Washington, it is thought more than likely he will change his mind and remain here. Nothing would give the members of his faith in Washington greater pleasure, and it is certain that every influence will be brought to bear in order to persuade him to take up the unfinished labors of the lamented Bishop Satterlee.

SHERMAN REASSURES LEADERS

Candidate Writes that He is as Well  
as He Ever Was.

In a private letter to a friend in Washington, James S. Sherman, Republican nominee for Vice President, says his health has been completely restored, and he feels as well as ever before in his life.

He says he expects to go into the campaign early, and that his physicians tell him his health will be equal to the requirements.

They assure him there is no fear of a recurrence of the ailment which attacked him just after the national convention.

The letter has had the effect of reassuring the Republican leaders, who have been distressed over the condition of Mr. Sherman, and the fear that he might be unable to take any part in the campaign.

COMPLAINS OF DISMISSAL.

Commissioner West Making Inquiry  
for Policeman Castle.

Commissioner West is conducting an investigation based on a complaint by Policeman Castle, of the Third precinct, who asserts that Judge Aukum, of the Police Court, placed him in an "awkward position."

In a letter to Capt. Boyle, commanding the Third precinct, Castle complains against the dismissal by Judge Aukum of two prisoners because the patrolman was not on hand to testify. Castle declared he was in the upper branch of the Police Court when the cases were called down stairs. In view of the fact that he could not be in two places at once, he believed the cases should have been continued by Judge Aukum.

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## DREAMER ENDS LIFE

Educated Young Jew De-  
spondent Over Poverty.

EXPECTS TO SUCCEED HERE

Came to America in the Hope of  
Making a Fortune—Leaves Russia  
Because Father Served the Czar.  
Leaves Request to Jewish Society  
to Bury Him—University Graduate.

New York, July 29.—His hopes of making a fortune in America shattered by continued and crushing adversity, Isaac Pollack, twenty-seven years old, who lived in a furnished room at 30 Chrystie street, committed suicide to-day by inhaling gas. Pollack was a graduate of the University of St. Petersburg, and his friends called him a dreamer.

When seventeen years old the young man came to this country because he did not like his father's political position in Russia, which was to capture and turn over to the government young men trying to flee from army service. Stories of success in this country caused the young man to come here. His father is wealthy, and he has a brother in Africa who has made a fortune.

But Pollack did not find life so easy here. Books and study were his delight, and commercial instincts were lacking in him, so that he never became anything but a clerk.

Rents Furnished Room.

Three days ago Pollack rented a furnished room at Mrs. Dora Inkefel, at the Chrystie street address. He was a handsome fellow, able to speak several languages, and soon became popular in the house. But there was an air of despondency that they could not shake from him.

To-day Mrs. Inkefel smelled gas, and Harry Blitt, who has a little stationery store at 30 Chrystie street, forced open the door and found the young man dead on the bed, a tube from the gas jet in his mouth. Thinking that life might still be left, Blitt sent for spirits of ammonia.

The man he sent to the drug store, after giving him 25 cents, never came back. It wouldn't have done any good if he had, for when a physician arrived he said that Pollack had been dead several hours.

Leaves Three Letters.

There were three letters left by Pollack, one in English, one in Yiddish, and a third in Yiddish, ancient Hebrew. This first letter read:

"No one is to blame for my death. I did it myself, being tired of living. The Argudah Achim Chessed Shil Emeth will take care of my body if notified."

The society mentioned is a Jewish society which buries destitute people of the race. The letter written in Hebrew is to that organization, and reads:

"I beg you, honorable sir, to have mercy on me and to bury me, because I am unhappy. I have no money, and overworking poverty has me in its grasp. I did it myself. Bury me immediately. I have tried to be honest and upright, but could not prosper. God's will be done. He will reward you."

The note in Yiddish was to the woman he roomed with, and stated that he regretted the trouble he had put upon her.

MARINE BAND CONCERT.

A concert will be given at the  
United States Marine Barracks this  
afternoon at 5 o'clock by the Marine  
Band, William H. Santelmann,  
leader. The programme:

March, "Theodore Roosevelt"; "Santelmann Overture, 'Das Modell'"; "Supper Song without words, No. 4"; Mendelssohn, Waltz, "Die Entfaltung"; Waldteufel, Excerpts from "The Fortune Teller"; "Herbert"; Music of ballet "Yehudi"; "Metsa Descriptive fantasia, 'A Clock Stopped'"; "The Star Spangled Banner."

OPEN PORTABLE SCHOOL BIDS

Many Firms Offer to Construct Them  
for the District.

Will Be Used to Take Care of Over-  
flow in Various School  
Houses.

Daniel E. Garges, chief clerk of the District engineer's department, yesterday opened the bids for the thirteen portable school houses recommended a short time ago by the school commission. Proposals were asked for furnishing the buildings, and separate proposals were requested for those to be located within and without the city limits.

The bidders were W. H. Childs, McKay and Morris, the Ducker Company, and the St. John's Manufacturing Company. Following are the estimates submitted for the thirteen buildings: W. H. Childs, \$30,622; McKay & Morris, \$30,900; St. John's Manufacturing Company, \$21,834. The Ducker Company's bid on five buildings was \$2,500.

This style of building has been used with success in Western cities, and is intended to relieve the congested conditions prevalent in the sections inhabited by the poor.

It is the intention of the Commissioners to erect these buildings adjacent to the following schools: Petworth, Bennings, Cherry Chase, Morgan, Rose, Jefferson, Ivy City, Garfield, Garrison, and Cardozo.

MRS. E. McKENNA DIES.

Katie of County Kerry, Ireland,  
Successor to Illness.

Mrs. Elizabeth McKenna, wife of Thomas McKenna, died at the Providence Hospital last night at 8:30 o'clock after a brief illness.

Mrs. McKenna was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and had resided in Washington since coming to this country. She was a daughter of Mary and the late Lawrence Curtin.

Although funeral arrangements have not been completed, it is probable that a funeral will take place from St. Ann's Church.

ATE FRUIT AND STONES.

prunes is a precarious business,  
to the experience of Irene

Four-year-old negro girl living at 1444 Fourth street, yesterday had a bad case of indigestion. She was a victim of her mother's habit of eating fruit and stones.

William Earl Ambrose, receiver for the District of Columbia Building Association, yesterday received a letter from the receiver of the \$1,175,000 from Adolph Belman as payment of deed of trust executed by him on real estate held by the association.

## Have You Ever Stopped to Think About Your Health?

Are you as well, strong, and vigorous  
as you used to be?

Are you sometimes discouraged, and  
think you'll never be any better?  
Can you tell the cause of your trouble,  
or what makes you sick?

Do you know that about nine-tenths of  
all sickness is caused by kidney trouble?  
Have you ever stopped to think that  
your kidneys may be the cause of your  
poor health?

Most people do not realize how much  
work the kidneys are required to do  
every day.

Every drop of blood in the body must  
pass through and be filtered by the kid-  
neys thousands of times a day.

How can they do their work well if they  
are sick?

If your kidneys need treatment, Dr.  
Kilmer's Swamp-Root will prove to be  
just the medicine you need.

If you will write to Dr. Kilmer & Co.,  
Binghamton, N. Y., every reader of this  
paper, who has not already tried Swamp-  
Root, the great Kidney, Liver, and Bladder  
Remedy, may receive a sample bot-  
tle by mail, absolutely free.

EXPLODING OIL BURNS WOMAN

Gasoline Used on Bed Starts Two  
Fires.

Home of James Kesterman, in  
Twenty-fifth Street Northwest,  
Damaged to Extent of \$250.

Using gasoline to clean a troublesome  
bed came within an arm of costing Mrs.  
Lena Kesterman, of 218 Twenty-fifth street  
northwest, her life yesterday afternoon.

She is now at the Emergency Hospital,  
suffering from frightful burns on the face  
and hands caused by the explosion of the  
can from which she poured the combusti-  
ble fluid. Damage estimated at \$250 was  
done to the furniture and house by the  
fire which followed the explosion.

Mrs. Kesterman, who is forty years old,  
and the wife of James Kesterman, lives  
on the second floor of the Twenty-fifth  
street house. She started a general house-  
cleaning and got around to the bedstead  
about 4:45 o'clock. In some manner a  
lighted match came in contact with the  
can of gasoline, and within a few seconds  
the woman was enveloped in a sheet of  
flame. Her screams brought assistance,  
but the blaze was not beaten out until  
she had received many painful burns.

At the Emergency Hospital it was said  
that she would recover.

An alarm from box 327 brought several  
engine and truck companies, but because  
of the location of the flames the fire-  
fighters experienced difficulty in getting at  
them. The fire was extinguished after an  
hour's work.

Sparks flying from one of the fire en-  
gines set fire to the roof of a house at  
324 Twenty-fifth street, and the firemen  
soon were fighting two fires instead of  
one. The second fire, however, was ex-  
tinguished before any appreciable damage  
was done.

BARN DANCE IN CAMP.

Both Camp Good Will and Camp  
Pleasant Have Big Company.

A delightful barn frolic was indulged  
in by the workers and guests at Camp  
Good Will Monday evening. The workers  
dressed up as clowns, babies, and dandies.  
The barn was illuminated by the lanterns  
which are placed before each tent at  
night, and an entertainment was given  
to the guests.

The mothers and children at the camp,  
in spite of the rain, declare that they are  
having the best time of their lives.

Six new tents have been put up at Camp  
Pleasant, and it is hoped that thirty  
children can be sent to the camp to-  
day. This will be the largest num-  
ber that has ever been sent at one time  
to Camp Pleasant.

The summer outings committee reports  
that it is still in need of more money to  
carry on this work, and is anxious that  
it should come in as soon as possible.

EXTRA CAR ON THE LINE.

W. B. and A. Railway Forced to  
Comply with Public Demand.

Acting in accordance with the demand  
for extra service, the Washington, Balti-  
more, and Annapolis Electric Railway  
Company has decided to put on an extra  
car to-morrow morning, leaving White  
House station at 6 o'clock.

The travel to Philadelphia and Atlantic  
City by the electric line and by the bay  
steamers has grown so rapidly in the last  
few days that this additional service  
seemed imperative. Officials of the com-  
pany say this new car will place passen-  
gers into Baltimore fifty minutes before  
the sailing time of the steamer for Phila-  
delphia and Atlantic City.

RUNAWAY CAUSES PANIC

Frightened by Street Car Going,  
Horse Runs Several Blocks.

Frightened at the clanging of a bell on  
a street car, a horse attached to a car-  
riage owned and driven by Walter New-  
man, of 1432 Fairmont street northwest,  
ran away from Fourteenth and Monroe  
streets northwest yesterday afternoon.

A number of pedestrians were badly  
frightened, and passengers on the cars  
were also thrown into a panic when the  
startled animal darted toward them, but  
no one was injured.

Several blocks from the starting point  
the fractious animal collided with a stand-  
ing car and was brought to a stand-  
still.

The harness and shafts were broken in  
the collision.

To Attend Reception.

Brig. Gen. James Allen, Chief Signal  
Officer of the army, and Dr. Albert F.  
Zahn, of the Catholic University, left  
Washington yesterday for New York, to  
attend the reception to be given at the  
Astor Hotel to-night in honor of Henri  
Farman, the French aeronaut. They will  
attend the exhibitions of Mr. Farman's  
aeroplane at Brighton Beach on Sat-  
urday next.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Collateral deposited by Samuel Effenh-  
bach, charged with violating the weights and  
measures laws, was forfeited in the Police Court  
yesterday. The \$10 goes into the District coffers and  
the scales will be destroyed.

Eleven months and twenty-nine days  
was the penalty imposed upon Joshua Brown and  
Thomas Magner, again, when convicted of larceny  
yesterday. They were charged with stealing  
clothing from several stores.

Pleading not guilty to a charge of as-  
sault and battery, Patrick Casey was retained held  
under \$200 to await a jury trial in the Police Court.  
It is alleged that Casey got into an altercation  
with William Logan and severely hit one of Logan's  
fingers.

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## SEEK CASPARI CLEW

Mr. Given and Detective  
Baur Go to Gotham.

MAY HAVE SECRET MISSION

Decline to Discuss Their Journey,  
But Are Known to Intend Seeing  
Publishers and Others Who Know  
Accused Woman—Police Do Not Be-  
lieve She Had Accomplished.

Detective Frank Baur, of the Central  
Office, and Assistant District Attorney  
Harvey Given left Washington last night  
for New York, where they will investi-  
gate the dealings of publishing houses  
with Miss Frances A. Caspary, in jail here  
awaiting trial on charges of perpetrating  
a gigantic swindling scheme.

Neither the detective nor Mr. Given  
would state the nature of their business